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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT VISITS SAUDI ARABIA

1. ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA DEPARTED RIYADH MARCH 5 AFTER TWO DAY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. ZAMBIAN DELEGATION INCLUDED MINFORAFF MWAANGA, MINENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS SOKO, CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MQENEMBA AND SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TONA AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MASURAMA (LAST THREE NAMES PHONETIC). NO COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. THERE HAS BEEN FULSOME PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT BUT THUS FAR NO REPORTING ON SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATIONS OR EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

2. MARCH 4 PRESIDENT KAUNDA MET WITH KING FAISAL AND A NUMBER OF HIS TOP MINISTERS AND ADVISORES. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A MORE RESTRICTED (AND PRESUMABLY MORE SUBSTANTIVE) MEETING BETWEEN THE ZAMBIAN DELEGATION AND SAUDI MINFINANCE AND ECONOMY PRINCE MUSA'ID, MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFIARS SAQQAF AND MIN PETROLEUM YAMANI. GIVEN COMPOSITION OF MEETING WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF DISCUSSIONS DEALT WITH POSSIBILITY ZAMBIA (AND OTHER DEVELOPING AFRICAN NATIONS) OBTAINING SOME RELIEF FROM INCREASED COSTS OF PETROLEUM IMPORTS. ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED
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WITH SAUDI ARABIA BY OTHERS, BUT SAUDIS HAVE SO FAR BEEN UN-

WILLING TO THEMSELVES INITIATE POLICY OF DIFFERENTIAL PRICING.

3. INFORMATION ON SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS DURING VISIT HAS
YET TO FILTER DOWN TO THE WORKING LEVEL OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY IN JIDDA. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP AND REPORTING INFOR-
MATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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